

Comparison of the Permanency Options for Youth in Foster Care in Missouri

Permanency Option	Relationships					Services			
	Family support throughout secondary school years	Family support in last years of secondary school	Don't have to leave home at 18	Family support for a life time	Support of caring adult	Eligible for ETV until 23 years of age	Eligible for assistance with room and board	Eligible for Medicaid extension	Eligible for services for 18 to 21 year olds
Return Home, Adoption, or Guardianship before 16 years of age	X	X	X	X	X				
Return Home after 16 years of age		X	X	X	X				
Adopted after 16 years of age		X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Guardianship after 16 years of age		X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Discharge at 18 years of age with a written permanency agreement					X	X	X	X	X
Discharge at 18 years of age or later						X	X	X	X

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